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IN THE ABSTRACT

Page 15, lines 2-9 have been amended as follows:

An inverted U-shaped combination lock is disclosed. The lock includes ~~comprises~~ a male locking mechanism, a push ring, a hollow spindle, a sealing ring, an abutment ring, number rings, and a spring. The lock ~~still~~ can be opened without a password by inserting a key into a keyhole prior to turning an angle of 90 degrees of the key. A ~~[[, a]]~~ ridged section of the mechanism is changed from a higher position to a lower one for disengaging the mechanism from the lock for subsequent removal of the mechanism. The lock invention also provides help ~~means~~ for the helping user to know the ~~forget~~ forgotten password and ~~means for~~ resetting the password.